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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method for producing a (1-alkenyl)cyclopropane compound represented by the formula (2):

wherein R^1 and R^2 are the same or different, and independently represent a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted alkynyl group, an optionally substituted aryl group or an optionally substituted aralkyl group,

which comprises bringing a (2-formyl-1-alkenyl)cyclopropane compound represented by the formula (1):

$$R^{1}O_{2}C$$
 $CH=C(CHO)R^{2}$ (1)

wherein R¹ and R² are the same as defined above, into contact with a palladium catalyst

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wherein the (2-formyl-1-alkenyl)cyclopropane compound is the (2-formyl-1-alkenyl)cyclopropane compound obtained by reacting a formylcyclopropane compound represented by the formula (3):

wherein R¹ is as described in claim 1, with an aldehyde compound represented by the formula (4):

wherein R^2 is the same as defined above.

- 2. (canceled).
- 3. (currently amended): The method according to claim 1-or-2, wherein R¹ represents a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 8 carbon atoms, or an aralkyl group having 7 to 8 carbon atoms substituted with at least one group selected from a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms and an alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 3 carbon atoms,

R² represents a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, an alkenyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms or an alkynyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms,

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a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

an alkenyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or an alkynyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

- 4. (original): The method according to claim 3, wherein R¹ is a straight chain alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.
- 5. (withdrawn): A method for producing a (2-formyl-1-alkenyl)cyclopropane compound represented by the formula (1):

$$R^1O_2C$$
 $CH=C(CHO)R^2$ (1)

wherein R¹ and R² are the same or different, and independently represent a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted alkynyl group, an optionally substituted aryl group or an optionally substituted aralkyl group,

which comprises reacting a formylcyclopropane compound represented by the formula (3):

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wherein R¹ is the same as defined above, with an aldehyde compound represented by the formula (4):

wherein R² is the same as defined above, in the presence of a base.

- 6. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 5, wherein the base is a primary or secondary amine compound.
- 7. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 6, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of an acid.
 - 8. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 7, wherein the acid is a carboxylic acid.
- 9. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 5, wherein the aldehyde compound represented by the formula (4) is propanal.
- 10. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 5, wherein R¹ represents a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 8 carbon atoms, or

an aralkyl group having 7 to 8 carbon atoms substituted with at least one group selected from a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms and an alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 3 carbon atoms,

R² represents a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, an alkenyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms or an alkynyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms,

a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

an alkenyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or an alkynyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

- 11. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10, wherein R¹ is a straight chain alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.
- 12. (withdrawn): A (2-formyl-1-alkenyl)cyclopropane compound represented by the formula (1):

$$R^{1}O_{2}C$$
 $CH=C(CHO)R^{2}$ (1)

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wherein R^1 and R^2 are the same or different, and independently represent a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted alkynyl group, an optionally substituted aryl group or an optionally substituted aralkyl group, provided that R^2 does not represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

13. (withdrawn): The compound according to claim 12, wherein R¹ represents a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 8 carbon atoms, or

an aralkyl group having 7 to 8 carbon atoms substituted with at least one group selected from a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms and an alkoxyalkyl group having 2 to 3 carbon atoms,

R² represents a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, an alkenyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms or an alkynyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms,

a straight chain, branched chain or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

an alkenyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or an alkynyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms substituted with a fluorine atom or atoms, a phenyl group or groups or an alkoxy group or groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

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14. (withdrawn): The compound according to claim 13, wherein R¹ is a straight chain alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.